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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION: KISSINGER'S LATIN AMERICAN TRIP

WEEKEND PRESS OBSERVES THAT KISSINGER'S TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA IS LONG OVERDUE. ONE COLUMN HOPES THAT HE WILL CONFINE HIMSELF TO HEMISPHERIC ISSUES. MEDIA CAUTION THAT GREAT EXPECTATIONS SHOULD NOT ACCOMPANY THE TRIP. QUOTES FOLLOW:

MONARCHIST ABC OBSERVES THAT THE KISSINGER-PEREZ TALKS WILL BE "THE FIRST AT SUCH A HIGH LEVEL" SINCE VENEZUELA'S NATIONALIZATION OF PETROLEUM. ON THE DOCKET FOR DISCUSSION, ABC DECLARES, ARE THE PETROLEUM POLICIES OF VENEZUELA, CUBAN PARTICIPATION IN ANGOLA'S CIVIL WAR, THE PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS, AND WORLD ENERGY ISSUES. FURTHER, THE PAPER SPECULATES THAT PEREZ WILL SURELY ASK FOR A CHANGE IN TRADE ACT OF 1974, FROM WHICH OPEC COUNTRIES -- INCLUDING VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR -- WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE GSP. VENEZUELA WILL MAKE ITS APPEAL "NOT ONLY IN ITS STATUS AS A MEMBER OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN WHICH DISCRIMINATION HAS NO PLACE, BUT ALSO IN ITS CONDITION AS A STRATEGIC SUPPLIER OF PETROLEUM..."

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TO THE UNITED STATES..."

BARCELONA'S PRESTIGIOUS LA VANGUARDIA ESPANOLA NOTES THAT "CONTACTS BETWEEN KISSINGER AND THE NEIGHBORING AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY SET BACK THE LAST FEW YEARS, IN THE FACE OF MORE URGENT PROBLEMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST... WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT THE KISSINGER TRIP WILL SOLVE THE MANY VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS EXTANT BETWEEN THE US AND IBEROAMERICA."

"THE DELAY IN DECIDING (TO MAKE) THIS VISIT HAS GIVEN RISE IN THE AMERICAS TO A CERTAIN SUSPICION THAT ALWAYS THEY ARE THE LAST ONES IN ATTRACTING THE ATTENTION OF THE COLOSSUS OF THE NORTH, MAXIMUM WHEN THIS NORTH CONTROLS AND DIVIDES MANY OF THEIR SOURCES OF WEALTH."

"TRADE IS ONE OF THE SOURCES OF GREATEST DISSENSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA. IBEROAMERICAN CONTROLS PART OF THE RAW MATERIALS WHICH SERVE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF GOODS THAT ARE SOLD TO THE AMERICAS. FURTHERMORE, THESE COUNTRIES DEPEND ON THE UNITED STATES FOR THEIR TRADE, IMPORTATION OF TECHNOLOGY AND CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. THEY FIND THEMSELVES IN A SITUATION OF DEPENDENCE...

"IN THE NEWSPAPERS OF MEXICO, THEY SAY THAT KISSINGER OUGHT TO LIMIT HIS CONVERSATIONS TO LATIN AMERICAN PROBLEMS, KEEPING TALKS SERIOUS AND NOT EXERCISES IN DEBATE. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, KISSINGER OUGHT TO OVERLOOK THE CUBAN ADVENTURE IN ANGOLA, AS WELL AS NOT DEBATING WITH SOME OF HIS HOSTS HOW THEY VOTED ON THE ZIONISM RESOLUTION IN THE UNITED NATIONS."

ROMAN CATHOLIC YA'S POLITICAL COLUMNIST BARTOLOME MOSTAZA RUMINATES UNDER THE HEADLINE "PHILOSOPHY OF DIALOGUE" THAT "IT WILL BE DIFFICULT, IN THIS ELECTION YEAR, FOR KISSINGER TO OBTAIN ALL THAT HE PROPOSES TO OBTAIN IN IBEROAMERICA. BUT THE TRIP CAN REMOVE PREJUDICES AND SET UP THE BASES FOR A DIPLOMACY OF MUTUAL INTELLIGENCE." "HE INITIATED THE DIALOGUE IN 1974 WITH HIS TRIP TO MEXICO AND PANAMA. HE WANTS TO CONTINUE IT NOW IN (THIS) UNCLASSIFIED

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TRIP... IT'S A PITY THAT IN TWO YEARS THE UNITED STATES HAS DONE SO LITTLE FOR IBEROAMERICA, A VITAL ZONE FOR ITS STRATEGY AND ITS ECONOMY. POSSIBLY THE BLAME HASN'T BEEN KISSINGER'S, BUT THAT OF THE INTERNAL CRISIS THAT THE U.S. IS UNDERGOING, POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY. HAVING APPLIED TO ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA THE SAME TARIFF RESTRICTIONS AS TO OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES WAS A GRAVE ERROR. ESPECIALLY KEEPING IN MIND THAT

NEITHER VENEZUELA NOR ECUADOR PUT UP A PETROLEUM BOYCOTT  
TO THE U.S."

"LIVING IN ISOLATION DOESN'T INTEREST EITHER LATIN AMERICA  
OR THE UNITED STATES. BUT NEITHER WOULD THE CONTINUATION  
OF "THE DIPLOMACY OF PRESSURE" BE JUST. WASHINGTON WILL  
HAVE TO DISABUSE ITSELF OF THE NOTION OF DEFENDING AT ALL  
COSTS ITS MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS---IT'S A BAD POLICY.  
KISSINGER WILL HAVE TO HEAR MANY COMPLAINTS IN HIS  
CONVERSATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICAN COLLEAGUES, AND WE HOPE  
THAT HE DOESN'T TAKE THEM AS "IMPERTINENCES." ITEM.  
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